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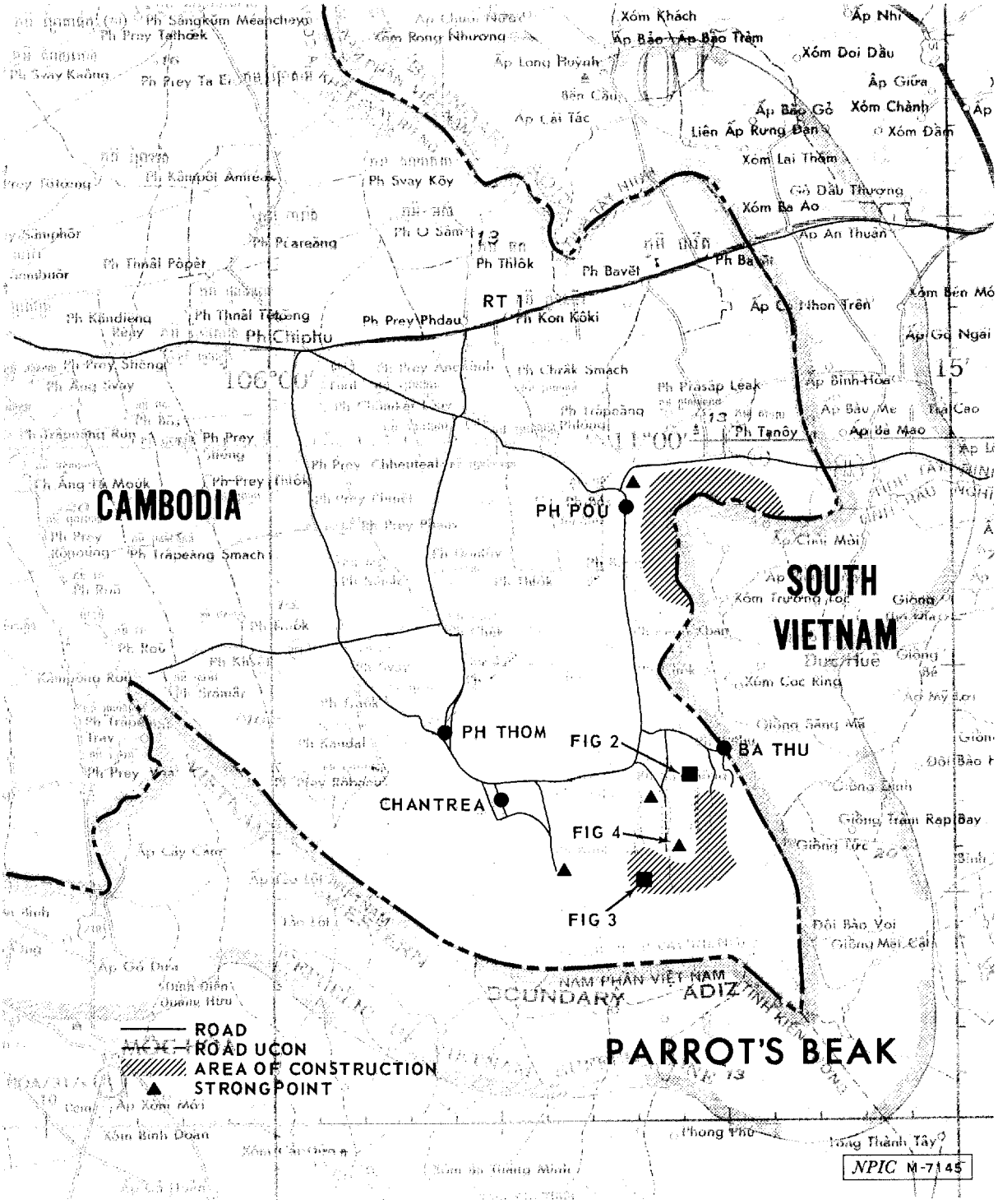

FIGURE 1. INSURGENT ACTIVITY, PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA

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An area of insurgent activity previously identified on imagery at the southern tip of the "Parrot's Beak" in southeastern Cambodia[1] has changed significantly in the past seven months (Figure 1). The change is highlighted by the construction of approximately 1,300 new structures in a more remote area, while several hundred insurgent structures previously built in the marshland area adjacent to the indigenous populated areas have been dismantled. Numerous foxholes, trenches, bunkers, and automatic weapons (AW) positions have also been added. At the same time, a major road and strongpoint are under construction within the area of insurgent activity.

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In late [redacted], over 2,200 insurgent structures with associated trenching, foxholes, bunkers, and AW positions were identified from photography in the marshland areas south of Ba Thu village in the southern tip of the Parrot's Beak. Photography of [redacted] reveals an apparent dismantling of structures on the fringe of the marshlands adjacent to the indigenous areas (Figure 2). New buildings have been constructed farther south in the remote areas of the marshland (Figure 3). This concentrated area of insurgency has grown considerably in the past seven months, with an increase of approximately 800 new buildings (bringing the total to approximately 3,000) and the addition of extensive trench networks, numerous foxholes, AW positions, and probable storage bunkers.

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There is also a new strongpoint (Figure 4) and service road currently under construction southward from a well-established Cambodian area into the heart of the insurgent activity.

There has also been a significant increase in insurgent activity in the border area approximately 5 nautical miles (nm) north of Ba Thu. The building count in this area has more than doubled in the past six months. The addition of 600 buildings brings the total count to 1,150. This area also contains trenches, foxholes, bunkers, and AW positions.

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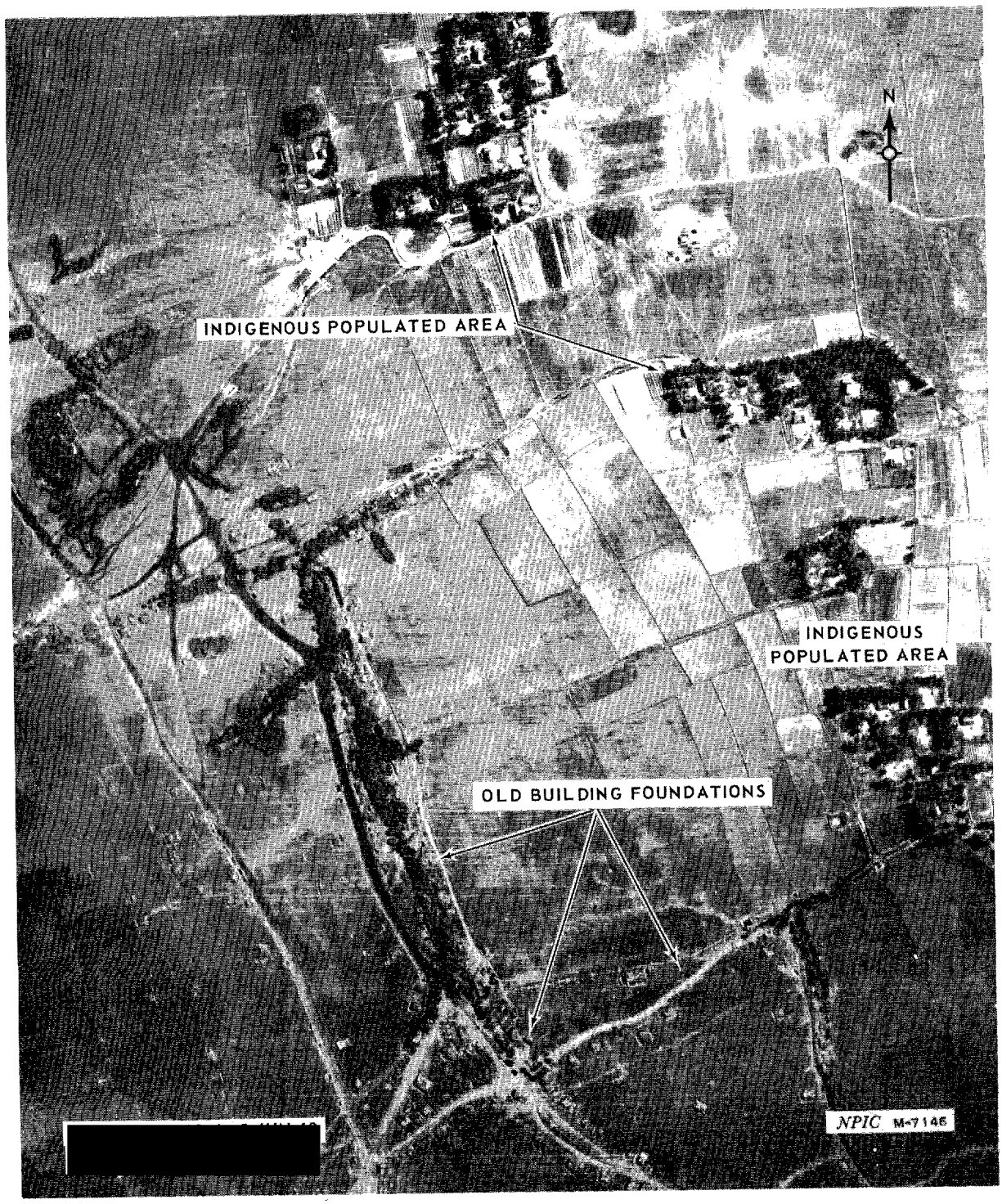

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FIGURE 2. DISMANTLED BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO INDIGENOUS POPULATED AREAS

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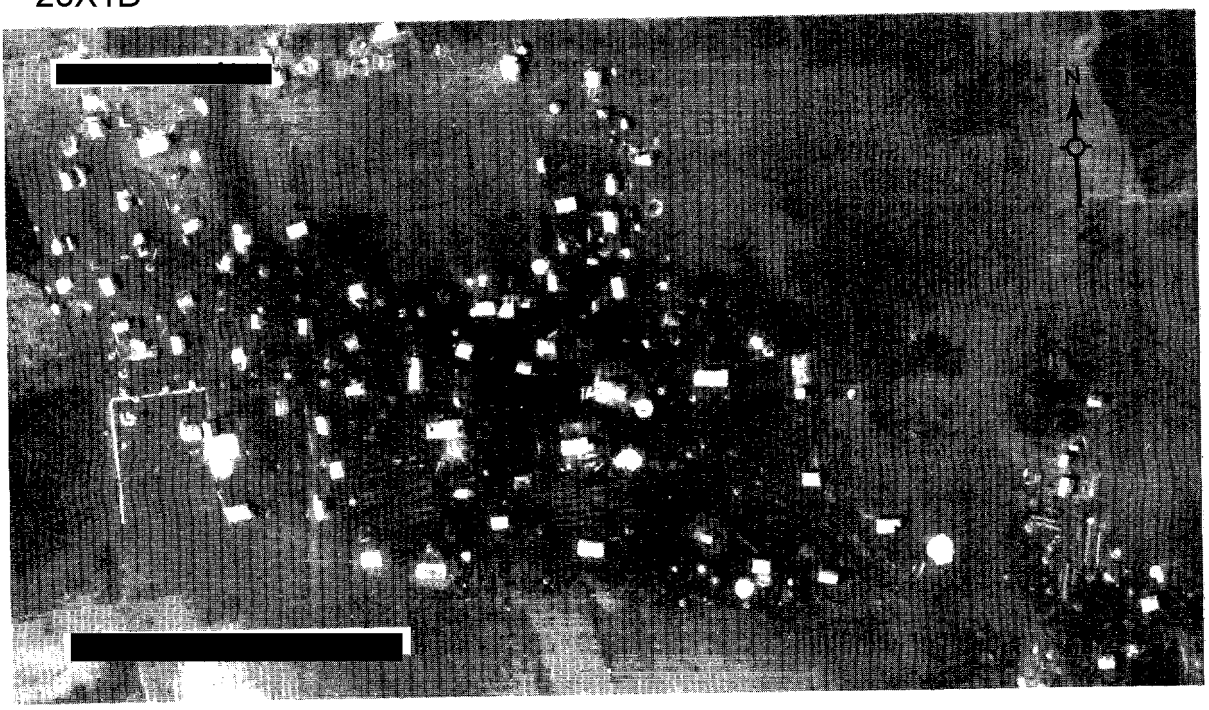

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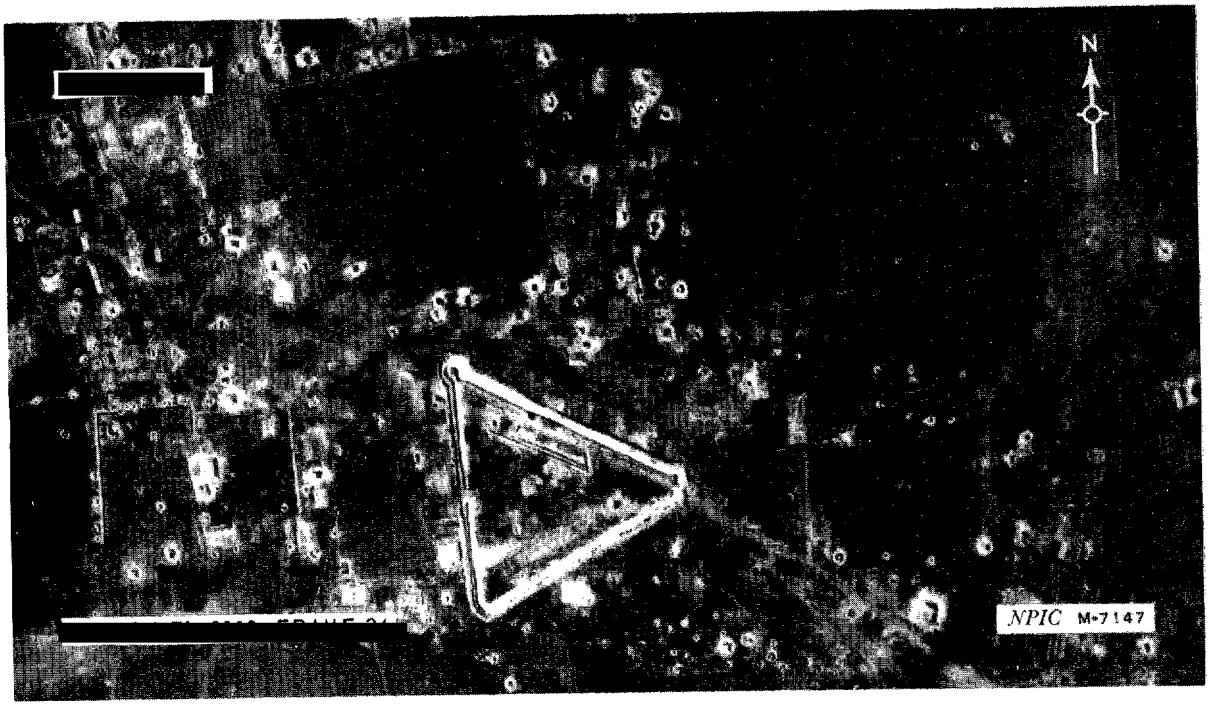

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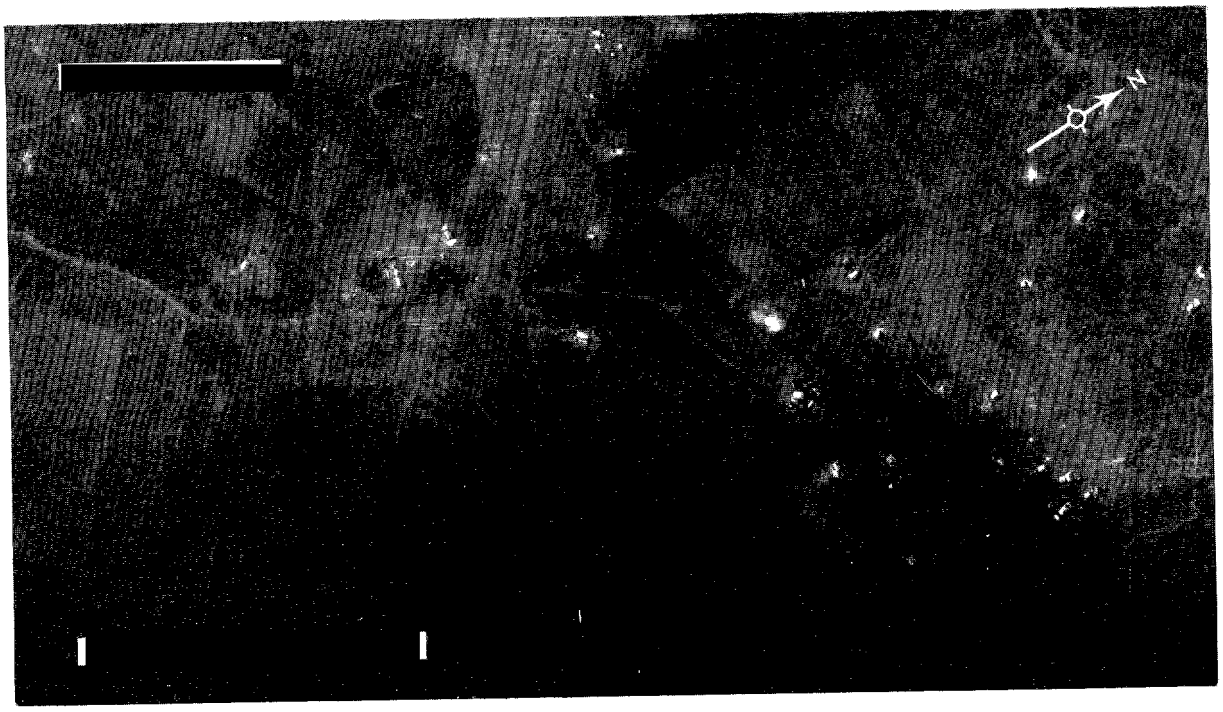

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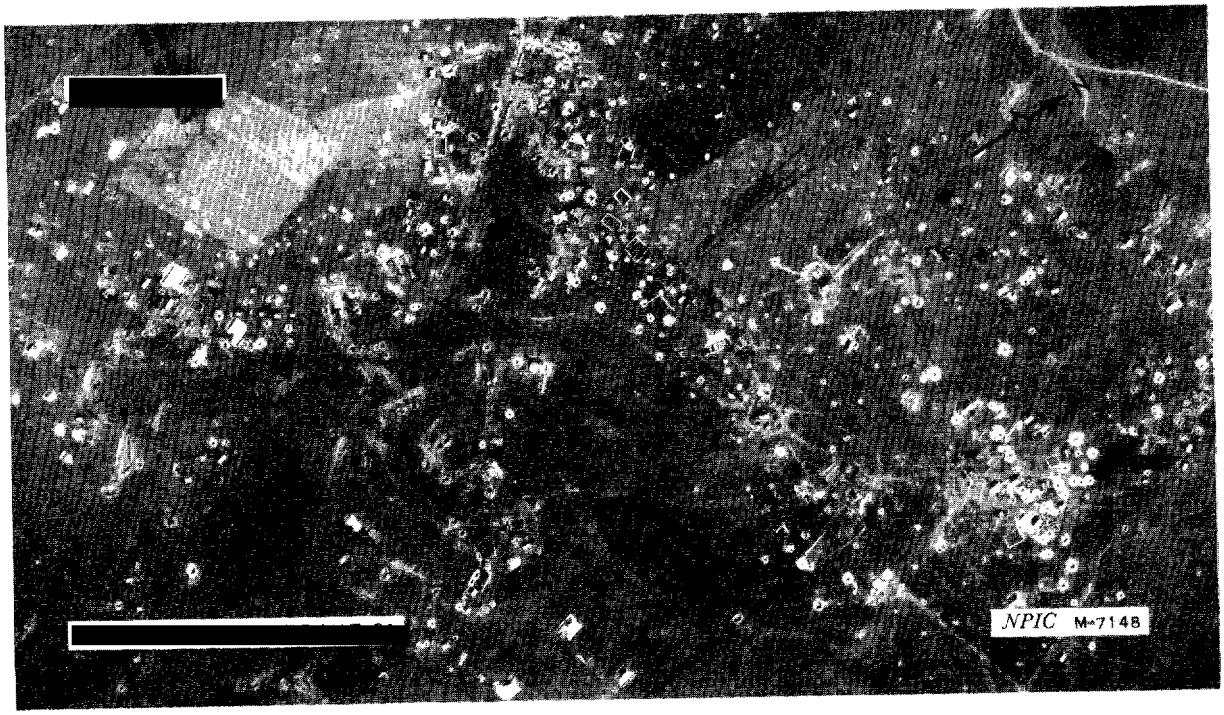

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FIGURE 4. [redacted] COVERAGE SHOWING A NEW STRONGPOINT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE HEART OF THE INSURGENT AREA

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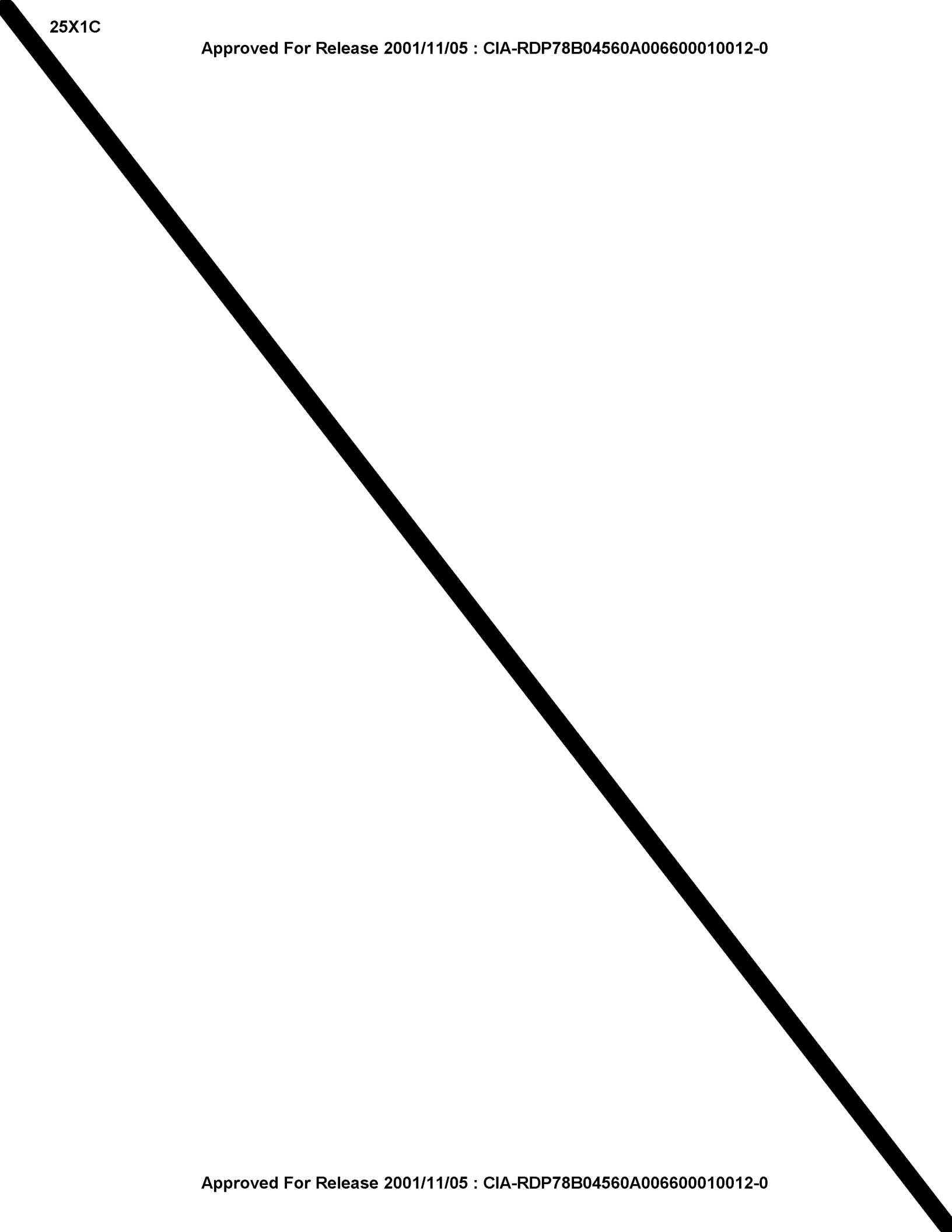

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